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# Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIAL	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Dec. 1949
Anthracite Production (net tons)...	2,907	3,722	2,746
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons)...	31,277	47,802	34,838
Construction Contracts (\$1,000,000)...	730,855	482,984	929,030
Copper Production ref. (net tons)...	95,229	78,298	94,947
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons)...	111,668	94,070	107,662
Newspaper Production (net tons)...	401,286	401,587	451,166
Newspaper Shipments (net tons)...	479,093	450,763	466,824
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds)...	77,300	69,402	79,700
Steel Ingot Prod. (net tons)...	7,905	8,183	7,717
Zinc Production (net tons)...	69,948	75,815	71,327
Zinc Shipments (net tons)...	82,576	76,234	66,125
	Dec. 1949	Dec. 1948	Nov. 1949
Production Ind. (F&B)....1935-39=100	178.0	192.0	173.0
Factory Employment (BLS)....1939=100	140.5	153.5	137.4
Factory Payrolls (BLS)....1939=100	331.7	360.7	313.5
Cement Production (barrels)...	16,936	17,425	18,040
Cement Shipments (barrels)...	11,606	12,741	17,269
Cigarette Production (units)...	24,657	24,897	29,657
Coke Production (net tons)...	5,618	6,770	3,505
Cotton Consumption (bales)...	234,013	675,466	771,833
Electricity Production (kw-hours)...	31,096	30,478	28,539
Lead Production prim. (net tons)...	48,896	49,667	48,500
Lead Shipments (net tons)...	23,486	44,456	37,779
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U.S.	352,987	486,981	455,000
Pig Iron Production (net tons)...	5,231	5,595	2,722
Rubber Consumption (long tons)...	84,381	81,431	83,074
Tires - Production (units)...	6,275	5,702	6,040
Tires - Shipments (units)...	5,234	5,441	5,267

	Nov. 1949	Nov. 1948	Oct. 1949
Gasoline Production (barrels)...	79,733	78,445	83,185
Petroleum Production (barrels)...	156,285	170,242	154,908
Petroleum Consumption (barrels)...	158,782	170,166	166,506
Wool Consumption (pounds)...	48,400	52,100	49,700

FINANCIAL	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Dec. 1949
Bank Debts Total U. S. (\$1,000,000)...	95,336	94,080	106,274
Bank Debts N. Y. C. (\$1,000,000)...	38,499	38,429	45,781
Bank Debts Outside N. Y. C. (\$1,000,000)...	56,374	55,651	60,493
Bond Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$1,000,000)...	119,727	69,725	99,080
Bond Sales N. Y. Corp. Ex. (\$1,000,000)...	5,220	4,510	5,120
Bond Sales Municipal (\$1,000,000)...	235,063	199,063	250,254
Life losses (\$1,000,000)...	58,821	57,926	67,279
Fire Insurance Sales (\$1,000,000)...	1,745,000	1,821,000	2,195,000
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)...	42,576	18,985	39,293
Stock Sales N.Y. Corp. Ex. (shares)...	8,370	4,680	8,760
	Dec. 1949	Dec. 1948	Nov. 1949
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$1,000,000)...	942,800	1,317,500	836,100
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$1,000,000)...	605,000	720,000	593,700
New Capital Raising (\$1,000,000)...	710,691	900,270	488,735
Railway Earnings, Gross (\$1,000,000)...	710,830	806,597	704,806
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. (\$1,000,000)...	69,309	64,502	75,882
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# Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—January 1950 and 1949

	(Thousands of dollars)		P. Ct. Change	Dec. 1949
	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949		
Boston.....	2,043,314	1,965,388	+ 2.9	2,039,240
Philadelphia.....	3,987,000	3,839,000	+ 3.9	4,091,000
Buffalo.....	373,481	348,727	+ 8.2	351,658
Pittsburgh.....	1,247,541	1,299,347	- 4.0	1,308,498
Cleveland.....	1,338,908	1,383,131	- 3.2	1,304,041
Cincinnati.....	763,422	760,919	+ 0.3	761,681
Baltimore.....	979,811	884,948	+ 10.7	940,557
Richmond.....	540,223	547,606	- 1.3	563,519
Atlanta.....	1,020,700	978,100	+ 4.4	1,065,200
New Orleans.....	333,642	322,228	+ 3.6	367,735
Memphis.....	424,314	444,466	- 4.5	495,286
Chicago.....	3,203,281	3,122,801	+ 2.6	3,174,735
Detroit.....	1,741,953	1,707,700	+ 2.0	1,645,979
St. Louis.....	1,208,183	1,177,460	+ 2.7	1,186,305
Louisville.....	537,822	509,519	+ 5.6	605,271
Minneapolis.....	1,036,259	1,130,837	- 8.4	1,031,962
Kansas City.....	1,275,860	1,350,778	- 5.5	1,353,694
Omaha.....	505,394	487,717	+ 3.6	534,100
Denver.....	446,109	410,627	+ 8.6	455,051
Dallas.....	1,118,572	1,093,026	+ 2.3	1,099,840
Houston.....	915,248	950,202	- 3.8	973,174
San Francisco.....	1,685,497	1,685,497	- 1.7	1,638,104
Portland, Ore.....	547,904	605,468	- 9.5	648,839
Seattle.....	483,985	462,410	+ 4.7	504,117
Total 24 Cities.....	27,932,004	27,696,832	+ 0.8	28,603,230
New York.....	39,031,629	30,617,384	+ 4.6	35,101,982
Total 25 Cities.....	59,963,693	58,314,216	+ 2.8	63,705,212

# Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—12 Months 1949 and 1948

	(Thousands of dollars)		P. Ct. Change	12 Months 1947
	12 Months 1949	12 Months 1948		
Boston.....	22,953,253	23,735,432	- 3.3	23,098,795
Philadelphia.....	45,243,000	47,591,000	- 4.9	43,381,000
Buffalo.....	4,258,588	4,331,701	- 1.7	4,291,921
Pittsburgh.....	14,754,870	15,056,188	- 5.8	13,798,150
Cleveland.....	15,177,252	16,834,354	- 9.8	14,905,647
Cincinnati.....	8,516,752	9,170,801	- 7.1	8,328,700
Baltimore.....	10,706,546	11,051,895	- 3.2	10,070,000
Richmond.....	6,436,099	6,377,052	+ 1.5	5,977,045
Atlanta.....	11,603,100	11,885,900	- 2.4	10,791,900
New Orleans.....	6,797,746	6,224,274	+ 1.7	5,735,987
Memphis.....	4,927,779	4,778,646	+ 3.1	4,520,437
Chicago.....	35,802,921	38,885,781	- 7.9	36,541,400
Detroit.....	19,485,021	20,066,166	- 2.9	17,745,479
St. Louis.....	14,495,415	14,495,415	- 6.2	16,952,016
Louisville.....	6,097,651	6,187,638	- 1.5	5,188,790
Minneapolis.....	12,496,800	14,072,863	- 9.8	12,468,295
Kansas City.....	15,147,196	17,103,127	- 11.4	15,421,392
Omaha.....	5,181,089	5,281,626	- 5.9	5,271,200
Denver.....	5,175,420	5,447,361	- 5.0	4,907,069
Dallas.....	12,559,102	12,568,876	- 2.5	10,623,217
Houston.....	10,488,300	10,763,621	- 2.6	8,850,344
San Francisco.....	19,512,665	20,794,066	- 6.2	19,546,637
Portland, Ore.....	7,213,850	7,843,735	- 8.0	5,838,108
Seattle.....	5,794,612	6,131,528	- 5.5	5,278,450
Total 24 Cities.....	319,990,781	338,454,063	- 5.5	306,364,377
New York.....	358,848,128	371,553,897	- 3.4	361,238,494
Total 25 Cities.....	678,838,909	710,007,960	- 4.4	667,602,871

# Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1947 to Date

	Total 25 United States Cities				Daily Average Bank Clearings				Total 24 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.			
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	59,964	58,314	60,040	56,956	2,398.5	2,332.6	2,309.2	2,190.6	27,932	27,697	26,889	25,429
February.....	50,335	51,914	49,117	49,117	2,288.0	2,359.7	2,232.6	2,232.6	23,947	24,367	22,076	22,076
March.....	69,766	62,712	57,123	57,123	2,251.7	2,328.7	2,197.0	2,197.0	28,869	28,869	25,424	24,240
April.....	54,166	59,310	52,327	52,327	2,083.3	2,281.1	2,012.6	2,012.6	25,945	27,466	24,476	24,476
May.....	55,145	55,898	52,605	52,605	2,025.8	2,235.9	2,023.3	2,023.3	25,711	26,431	24,419	24,419
June.....	56,526	62,694	55,291	55,291	2,289.5	2,411.3	2,211.6	2,211.6	26,886	28,721	24,167	24,167
July.....	54,003	59,032	46,082	46,082	2,160.1	2,270.5	2,157.0	2,157.0	26,448	28,022	24,850	24,850
August.....	55,060	55,903	50,596	50,596	2,039.3	2,150.1	1,946.0	1,946.0	26,345	27,654	24,217	24,217
September.....	56,196	58,448	55,082	55,082	2,247.8	2,337.9	2,203.3	2,203.3	26,772	28,573	25,092	25,092
October.....	56,034	58,863	61,340	61,340	2,242.2	2,354.5	2,339.9	2,339.9	27,468	29,112	26,036	26,036
November.....	55,531	57,075	53,771	53,771	2,414.4	2,507.6	2,426.0	2,426.0	26,886	29,084	26,082	26,082
December.....	63,705	67,518	67,712	67,712	2,450.2	2,596.9	2,664.3	2,664.3	28,003	31,087	29,273	29,273
Total.....	678,832	710,008	667,602	667,602	2,235.4	2,344.8	2,213.6	2,213.6	319,990	338,454	306,364	306,364

# Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1947 to Date

	Number of Failures				Current Liabilities (000 Omitted)				Total Liabilities (000 Omitted)			
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947	1950	1949	1948	1947
January.....	664	566	156	202	\$26,436	\$10,159	\$12,065	\$15,193	\$26,556	\$19,150	\$13,010	\$15,193
February.....	605	417	238	238	27,567	25,619	19,976	19,976	27,695	26,338	18,976	18,976
March.....	847	477	254	254	37,188	17,481	15,251	15,251	38,284	17,554	15,251	15,251
April.....	877	404	277	277	31,930	15,206	16,080	16,080	33,899	15,378	16,080	16,080
May.....	775	406	378	378	24,581	13,814	17,326	17,326	24,620	14,513	17,326	17,326
June.....	828	463	281	281	26,101	12,163	18,982	18,982	19,279	12,163	18,982	18,982
July.....	719	420	297	297	21,804	13,876	20,701	20,701	22,494	14,026	21,512	21,512
August.....	810	419	287	287	31,175	21,442	14,903	14,903	31,720	21,442	14,903	14,903
September.....	730	398	292	292	20,598	20,787	10,014	10,014	20,648	10,099	10,099	10,099
October.....	802	459	316	316	23,894	25,114	21,322	21,322	24,129	22,229	22,229	22,229
November.....	835	460	313	313	22,799	24,416	16,345	16,345	23,626	25,059	16,624	16,624
December.....	770	531	317	317	16,251	31,731	25,496	25,496	19,432	32,072	25,496	25,496
Total.....	9,240	5,250	3,474	3,474	\$108,109	\$234,620	\$204,612	\$204,612	\$314,885	\$239,669	\$207,184	\$207,184

# United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics  
United States Department of Labor  
(Revised) Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (1926=100)

Commodity Groups:	Feb. 7 1950	Jan. 31 1950	Jan. 14 1950	Jan. 28 1950	Feb. 11 1950	Feb. 25 1950
All Commodities.....	151.6	151.2	150.7	150.9	151.4	157.0
Farm Products.....	157.2	155.5	153.2	153.4	155.3	163.2
Grains.....	158.5	160.7	160.3	159.6	160.1	148.4
Livestock.....	109.2	107.8	101.2	100.6	102.6	105.1
Foodstuffs.....	156.0	154.6	154.6	155.0	155.9	156.4
Meats.....	211.5	208.1	208.2	210.0	210.7	207.3
All Commodities Other Than Farm and Foodstuffs.....	145.1	145.2	145.1	145.2	145.2	151.8
Textile Products.....	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.5	137.4	145.2
Fuels and Lighting Materials.....	130.5	130.4	130.3	130.5	130.4	137.1
Metals and Metal Products.....	169.3	169.5	169.3	169.4	169.5	175.8
Building Materials.....	191.2	190.9	190.3	190.3	190.3	200.9
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	115.8	115.8	115.8	116.0	116.0	122.8
SPECIAL INDEXES						
Petroleum and Products.....	112.2	113.1	112.1	112.5	112.3	119.9
Refined Petroleum Prod.....	108.3	108.2	108.1	108.6	108.3	117.1
Crude Petroleum.....	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	133.7
Natural Gasoline.....	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	98.2	127.0

Bureau of Labor Statistics  
United States Department of Labor  
Monthly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (1926=100)

Commodity Groups:	Dec. 1949	Nov. 1949	Oct. 1949	Sept. 1949	Aug. 1949	Dec. 1948
All Commodities.....	151.3	151.6	152.2	153.6	152.9	162.4
Farm Products.....	155.3	156.6	159.6	163.1	160.3	177.3
Foodstuffs.....	155.7	158.9	159.6	162.0	160.6	170.2
Hides and Leather Products.....	179.9	180.8	181.3	181.1	178.9	185.3
Textile Products.....	138.4	138.0	138.0	139.0	138.1	146.7
Fuel and Lighting Materials.....	130.1	130.0	130.5	130.6	129.7	137.2
Metals and Metal Products.....	167.8	167.3	167.3	168.3	168.2	173.8
Building Materials.....	190.3	189.5	189.2	189.4	188.2	202.2
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	115.3	115.9	116.0	117.7	116.7	131.1
Household and Personal Goods.....	144.1	143.4	143.0	142.9	142.9	146.4
Miscellaneous Products.....	110.7	109.7	109.0	109.6	109.8	118.3
Raw Materials.....	159.9	160.4	160.3	162.0	161.3	172.2
Semi-manufactured Products.....	144.7	145.1	145.3	147.8	147.9	160.9
Manufactured Products.....	147.9	148.1	149.1	150.1	149.4	157.6
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foodstuffs.....	150.2	150.2	150.3	151.2	150.6	158.9
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foodstuffs.....	145.5	145.0	145.0	145.3	145.0	153.1

## United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Dec. 1949	Nov. 1949	Oct. 1949	Sept. 1949	Dec. 1948
U. S. (B. L. S.).....	151.3	151.6	152.2	153.6	162.4
Canada (Dom. Bureau).....	156.8	157.0	157.1	155.4	159.5
Australia.....	723.0	676.0	637.0	635.0	535.0
Denmark.....	227.0	221.0	218.0	216.0	221.0
Dominican Republic.....	213.0	218.0	225.0	222.0	266.0
Finland.....	933.0	930.0	930.0	921.0	905.0
France.....	2,001.0	2,005.0	2,002.0	1,958.0	1,971.0
India.....	382.0	390.0	393.0	390.0	384.0
Mexico.....	293.0	294.0	296.0	294.0	268.0
Norway.....	184.0	182.0	182.0	182.0	180.3
Sweden.....	192.0	191.0	191.0	189.0	190.0
Switzerland.....	192.0	193.0	193.0	196.0	208.0
South Africa.....	194.0	193.0	193.0	193.0	184.0
U. K. (B. of Tr.).....	221.0	221.0	218.0	211.0	203.0
	Nov. 1949	Oct. 1949	Sept. 1949	Aug. 1949	Nov. 1948
Australia.....	197.0	193.0	189.0	189.0	180.0
Belgium.....	361.0	361.0	361.0	363.0	389.0
Brazil.....	153.0	153.0	153.0	151.0	137.0
Costa Rica.....	228.0	222.0	218.0	216.0	220.0
Czechoslovakia.....	.....	.....	344.0	342.0	331.0
Germany.....	194.0	190.0	185.0	187.0	190.0
Guatemala.....	137.0	136.0	134.0	135.0	133.0
Italy.....	5,104.0	5,180.0	5,254.0	5,231.0	6,064.0
Japan.....	16,380.0	16,430.0	16,240.0	15,950.0	14,313.0
Netherlands.....	281.0	274.0	272.0	269.0	267.0
New Zealand.....	180.0	179.0	178.0	178.0	180.0
Peru.....	584.0	582.0	582.0	582.0	419.0
Portugal.....	239.0	238.0	239.0	234.0	241.0
Spain.....	446.0	439.0	431.0	432.0	416.0
Turkey.....	475.0	475.0	477.0	478.0	457.0
U. K. (Economist).....	176.4	175.7	173.2	165.3	164.3
Venezuela.....	166.0	164.0	166.0	167.0	169.0

a 1938=100 b 1926=100 c 1927=100 d 3/38=100 e 1930=100  
g 1936/38=100 h 1940=100 i 1/46=100 j 1941=100

## Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1948 to Date

	1950	1949	1948
Jan. 3.....	\$5.73	Jan. 4.....	\$6.12
Jan. 10.....	5.76	Jan. 11.....	6.08
Jan. 17.....	5.75	Jan. 18.....	6.02
Jan. 24.....	5.78	Jan. 25.....	5.91
Jan. 31.....	5.79	Feb. 1.....	5.88
Feb. 7.....	5.80	Feb. 8.....	5.85
Feb. 14.....	5.86	Feb. 15.....	5.76
Feb. 21.....	5.83	Feb. 22.....	5.78
Feb. 28.....	.....	Mar. 1.....	5.82
Mar. 7.....	.....	Mar. 8.....	5.81
Mar. 14.....	.....	Mar. 15.....	5.79
Mar. 21.....	.....	Mar. 22.....	5.79
Mar. 28.....	.....	Mar. 29.....	5.77
Apr. 4.....	.....	Apr. 5.....	5.78
Apr. 11.....	.....	Apr. 12.....	5.71
Apr. 18.....	.....	Apr. 19.....	5.68
Apr. 25.....	.....	Apr. 26.....	5.67
May 2.....	.....	May 3.....	5.71
May 9.....	.....	May 10.....	5.68
May 16.....	.....	May 17.....	5.66
May 23.....	.....	May 24.....	5.74
May 30.....	.....	May 31.....	5.74
June 6.....	.....	June 7.....	5.73
June 13.....	.....	June 14.....	5.68
June 20.....	.....	June 21.....	5.68
June 27.....	.....	June 28.....	5.69
July 4.....	.....	July 5.....	5.66
July 11.....	.....	July 12.....	5.68
July 18.....	.....	July 19.....	5.71
July 25.....	.....	July 26.....	5.73
Aug. 1.....	.....	Aug. 2.....	5.64
Aug. 8.....	.....	Aug. 9.....	5.69
Aug. 15.....	.....	Aug. 16.....	5.69
Aug. 22.....	.....	Aug. 23.....	5.66
Aug. 29.....	.....	Aug. 30.....	5.78
Sept. 5.....	.....	Sept. 6.....	5.82
Sept. 12.....	.....	Sept. 13.....	5.85
Sept. 19.....	.....	Sept. 20.....	5.72
Sept. 26.....	.....	Sept. 27.....	5.67
Oct. 3.....	.....	Oct. 4.....	5.65
Oct. 10.....	.....	Oct. 11.....	5.57
Oct. 17.....	.....	Oct. 18.....	5.58
Oct. 24.....	.....	Oct. 25.....	5.72
Oct. 31.....	.....	Nov. 1.....	5.69
Nov. 7.....	.....	Nov. 8.....	5.74
Nov. 14.....	.....	Nov. 15.....	5.68
Nov. 21.....	.....	Nov. 22.....	5.74
Nov. 28.....	.....	Nov. 29.....	5.79
Dec. 5.....	.....	Dec. 6.....	5.76
Dec. 12.....	.....	Dec. 13.....	5.74
Dec. 19.....	.....	Dec. 20.....	5.73
Dec. 26.....	.....	Dec. 27.....	5.72
Average.....	.....	.....	\$5.76
			\$6.82

Notes: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

## Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930=1932=100)

	Feb. 1950	Jan. 1950	Dec. 1949	Nov. 1949	Oct. 1949
1.....	246.75	246.19	247.02	246.72	245.02
2.....	246.19	246.19	246.80	246.00	245.02
3.....	246.57	246.57	246.40	246.56	246.86
4.....	246.43	245.78	246.11	246.41	246.69
5.....	246.11	245.93	247.69	245.95	242.57
6.....	246.84	246.42	247.47	246.98	246.98
7.....	247.09	246.01	246.14	246.47	246.43
8.....	247.56	246.16	246.16	246.01	242.91
9.....	248.02	246.00	246.07	245.61	245.61
10.....	248.05	244.92	246.58	245.36	241.66
11.....	248.08	245.80	246.07	245.11	241.94
12.....	248.07	244.76	246.40	245.17	241.94
13.....	248.07	244.21	246.75	245.11	242.13
14.....	248.20	244.58	246.96	245.18	242.31
15.....	248.29	244.59	245.63	244.70	241.61
16.....	248.09	244.68	246.13	244.90	241.61
17.....	248.08	244.75	245.99	244.37	241.41
18.....	246.67	244.63	245.99	244.47	241.71
19.....	244.84	244.84	246.16	246.99	242.59
20.....	249.19	244.85	246.26	246.26	242.96
21.....	249.16	244.80	246.16	245.54	242.61
22.....	249.16	244.80	246.16	245.54	242.61
23.....	249.77	244.70	245.86	246.72	242.61
24.....	245.25	245.25	246.00	245.64	241.64
25.....	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73
26.....	246.28	246.28	246.28	246.28	246.28
27.....	246.83	246.83	246.83	246.83	246.83
28.....	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73
29.....	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73	246.73
30.....	247.30	245.94	247.65	247.65	247.65
31.....	246.95	246.95	246.95	246.95	246.95
	High	Low			
1950.....	249.77	Feb. 23	244.21	Jan. 13	
1949.....	265.81	Jan. 5	236.41	Aug. 13	
1948.....	308.89	Jan. 10	266.02	Dec. 29	
1947.....	304.62	Dec. 31	232.80	Jan. 23	
1946.....	246.48	Dec. 18	181.90	Jan. 2	

# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

January 1950 and 1949

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	January 1950	January 1949	December 1949		January 1950	January 1949	December 1949
<b>New England:</b>				<b>South Atlantic:</b>			
Boston, Mass.....	\$1,574,370	\$1,215,581	\$0,598,452	Asheville, N. C.....	\$140,790	\$97,152	\$157,667
Bridgeport, Conn.....	347,480	155,205	137,063	Atlanta, Ga.....	2,006,447	2,364,504	1,319,378
Bristol, Conn.....	59,465	20,635	75,899	Augusta, Ga.....	1,808,735	259,109	209,875
Brunkton, Mass.....	141,805	62,639	837,740	Baltimore, Md.....	12,724,140	1,130,880	4,162,680
Cambridge, Mass.....	66,508	149,129	210,861	Charleston, S. C.....	200,200	392,695	86,969
Chelsea, Mass.....	20,470	7,226	14,005	Charlotte, N. C.....	2,037,174	1,478,850	1,379,366
Everett, Mass.....	29,755	66,174	19,650	Chickasha, Okla.....	881,601	404,908	390,805
Fall River, Mass.....	216,655	41,900	42,650	Greensboro, N. C.....	603,778	324,225	744,455
Fitchburg, Mass.....	44,791	44,145	100,345	Greenville, S. C.....	410,050	902,200	1,340,310
Greenwich, Conn.....	506,358	143,135	765,313	Jacksonville, Fla.....	1,260,222	1,411,162	2,564,666
Hartford, Conn.....	980,707	154,746	3,422,891	Johnsburg, Va.....	277,428	153,470	214,558
Haverhill, Mass.....	421,075	25,100	28,840	Macon, Ga.....	215,167	95,941	106,529
Holyoke, Mass.....	1,711,000	77,150	56,400	Miami, Fla.....	3,152,865	4,106,282	3,730,635
Lawrence, Mass.....	108,215	57,150	22,345	Miami Beach, Fla.....	893,605	1,044,534	460,290
Lowell, Mass.....	2,467,560	52,875	22,550	Norfolk, Va.....	831,540	115,545	115,545
Lynn, Mass.....	166,964	287,125	169,375	Richmond, Va.....	1,184,888	1,141,477	1,084,521
Manchester, N. H.....	507,089	244,665	242,617	Ruanoke, Va.....	3,246,632	382,317	833,667
Medford, Mass.....	59,485	106,775	106,775	Savannah, Ga.....	1,250,100	358,065	440,500
New Bedford, Mass.....	57,600	115,785	102,950	Tampa, Fla.....	754,800	965,754	954,554
New Britain, Conn.....	110,594	116,560	232,710	Washington, D. C.....	5,789,153	3,517,050	6,626,300
New Haven, Conn.....	628,095	849,163	1,334,288	Winston Salem, N. C.....	455,185	288,123	271,631
Newton, Mass.....	518,965	219,141	822,815				
Norwalk, Conn.....	292,194	235,507	775,487	Total So. Atlantic.....	\$40,226,495	\$21,146,463	\$28,019,321
Portland, Me.....	561,835	119,050	238,812	<b>East Central:</b>			
Providence, R. I.....	531,400	564,800	388,150	Akron, Ohio.....	\$1,021,412	\$673,496	\$885,794
Quincy, Mass.....	180,010	116,693	2,181,490	Bay City, Mich.....	72,937	107,540	53,945
Salem, Mass.....	41,200	180,816	1,069,100	Berwyn, Ill.....	281,265	29,850	380,407
Somerville, Mass.....	88,627	40,845	2,541,175	Bluefield, W. Va.....	185,960	29,880	74,280
Springfield, Mass.....	261,212	182,142	558,544	Canton, Ohio.....	327,355	140,135	798,795
Stamford, Conn.....	454,059	42,976	446,778	Chicago, Ill.....	15,810,400	6,000,400	10,846,400
Waterbury, Conn.....	108,010	95,200	80,425	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	3,281,465	2,762,810	2,482,430
West Hartford, Conn.....	738,492	137,515	560,931	Cincinnati, W. Va.....	26,036	42,750	8,550
Worcester, Mass.....	339,575	329,995	277,510	Cleveland, Ohio.....	4,957,900	2,384,300	2,084,700
				Columbus, Ohio.....	963,800	1,093,875	2,058,925
Total New England.....	\$14,450,634	\$6,038,003	\$27,310,952	Dayton, Ohio.....	1,265,760	566,410	911,580
				Detroit, Mich.....	15,335,091	7,316,626	19,946,518
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>				East St. Louis, Ill.....	100,1750	209,570	57,235
Manhattan, N. Y.....	\$7,053,400	\$21,488,435	\$11,498,000	Evansville, Ind.....	382,550	303,550	108,450
Manhattan, N. Y.....	2,403,430	1,910,750	2,176,030	Evansville, Ind.....	167,336	50,672	151,120
Bronx, N. Y.....	2,219,420	2,702,650	2,147,670	Flint, Mich.....	1,271,995	255,800	638,205
Bronx, N. Y.....	276,275	451,405	967,000	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	202,420	324,993	1,099,083
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	3,706,205	19,549,881	11,800,200	Gary, Ind.....	499,845	407,240	2,051,610
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	735,085	821,552	1,073,365	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1,050,003	539,000	982,670
Queens, N. Y.....	23,313,464	17,009,556	11,021,749	Hammond, Ind.....	401,950	395,950	86,800
Queens, N. Y.....	479,761	213,300	368,300	Hammond, Ind.....	323,055	227,007	495,850
Richmond, N. Y.....	190,054	120,267	124,720	Huntington, W. Va.....	176,991	222,292	166,121
Richmond, N. Y.....				Indianapolis, Ind.....	1,479,381	804,005	2,283,000
Total N. Y. City.....	\$41,817,234	\$64,741,267	\$41,739,020	Lansing, Mich.....	573,405	1,130,570	1,130,570
(a) New York.....				Lima, Ohio.....	475,775	27,040	506,250
(b) Alterations.....				Louisville, Ky.....	1,068,418	385,980	2,352,395
Albany, N. Y.....	\$58,975	\$279,126	\$406,034	Madison, Wis.....	414,375	91,415	521,155
Albany, N. Y.....	25,425	279,200	195,180	Midvale, Ky.....	5,701,480	7,986,380	2,927,766
Albany, N. Y.....	37,795	67,855	41,155	Newark, Ohio.....	43,870	31,900	22,250
Albany, N. Y.....	192,127	274,660	254,968	Oak Park, Ill.....	142,750	55,110	173,730
Albany, N. Y.....	40,000	52,925	32,000	Peoria, Ill.....	140,745	76,690	216,227
Albany, N. Y.....	120,035	217,750	67,710	Pontiac, Mich.....	427,445	95,946	7,471,750
Albany, N. Y.....	42,678	425,023	425,023	Quincy, Ill.....	126,855	50,245	1,840,485
Albany, N. Y.....	1,391,250	961,711	1,019,545	Racine, Wis.....	253,770	87,495	425,715
Albany, N. Y.....	78,457	92,873	179,541	Rochester, Ill.....	310,550	201,265	632,100
Albany, N. Y.....	294,576	81,378	85,110	Saginaw, Mich.....	129,265	67,358	78,660
Albany, N. Y.....	191,605	48,661	1,173,880	South Bend, Ind.....	1,265,276	418,050	604,932
Albany, N. Y.....	689,815	21,775	81,934	Springfield, Ill.....	204,121	127,536	179,697
Albany, N. Y.....	174,400	109,701	56,620	Springfield, Mass.....	6,750	9,550	200,450
Albany, N. Y.....	613,900	172,900	228,200	Superior, Wis.....	528,700	3,357	145,494
Albany, N. Y.....	68,100	100,125	56,325	Terre Haute, Ind.....	16,350	37,550	78,400
Albany, N. Y.....	415,425	274,000	151,055	Wabash, Ind.....	1,025,161	949,155	1,046,728
Albany, N. Y.....	305,818	391,618	56,620	Wabash, Ind.....	1,025,161	949,155	1,046,728
Albany, N. Y.....	166,359	117,100	50,372	Wheeling, W. Va.....	377,900	179,965	157,000
Albany, N. Y.....	166,356	165,310	159,745	Youngstown, Ohio.....	424,626	606,761	606,761
Albany, N. Y.....	20,080	29,080	15,750	Zanesville, Ohio.....	44,866	10,000	23,240
Albany, N. Y.....	966,215	23,400	271,845				
Albany, N. Y.....	244,550	202,273	1,165,173	Total East Central.....	\$64,512,554	\$37,346,413	\$58,946,704
Albany, N. Y.....	7,270,900	2,340,135	7,152,560	<b>South Central:</b>			
Albany, N. Y.....	1,441,024	108,100	1,441,024	Abilene, Tex.....	\$847,333	\$499,810	\$140,675
Albany, N. Y.....	121,905	108,100	1,441,024	Amarillo, Tex.....	36,587	326,925	1,405,323
Albany, N. Y.....	100,210	86,267	91,000	Austin, Tex.....	3,108,450	1,806,304	1,700,540
Albany, N. Y.....	327,198	834,108	1,014,926	Birmingham, Ala.....	1,379,435	773,461	769,104
Albany, N. Y.....	88,845	808,266	1,014,926	Birmingham, Ala.....	2,406,432	1,468,622	2,535,764
Albany, N. Y.....	103,048	431,700	85,467	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1,126,745	190,771	190,771
Albany, N. Y.....	447,245	319,095	319,095	Dallas, Tex.....	6,772,130	5,556,416	6,067,944
Albany, N. Y.....	84,485	81,500	17,969	El Paso, Tex.....	1,414,003	750,980	2,980,112
Albany, N. Y.....	105,850	24,000	46,100	Fort Smith, Ark.....	130,350	228,071	94,029
Albany, N. Y.....	88,819	22,050	17,969	Fort Worth, Tex.....	2,606,150	1,612,045	2,606,150
Albany, N. Y.....	3,615,570	391,150	257,882	Galveston, Tex.....	652,773	652,071	306,177
Albany, N. Y.....	809,085	36,111	36,111	Houston, Tex.....	10,946,925	4,678,925	4,678,925
Albany, N. Y.....	1,050,483	36,111	36,111	Jackson, Miss.....	84,776	872,641	271,688
Albany, N. Y.....	542,849	186,125	271,998	Knoxville, Tenn.....	399,445	295,748	801,283
Albany, N. Y.....	1,099,334	382,515	1,140,430	Little Rock, Ark.....	1,180,111	142,071	1,083,536
Albany, N. Y.....	217,948	204,806	147,110	Memphis, Tenn.....	1,432,740	1,432,740	1,432,740
				Mobile, Ala.....	2,773,104	273,942	273,942
Total Middle Atlantic.....	\$80,825,437	\$76,956,645	\$61,503,159				

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# BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

January 1950 and 1949

	January 1950	January 1949	December 1949		January 1950	January 1949	December 1949
Sou. Cent. (Cont.)				Mountains			
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$2,050,650	\$328,450	\$428,735	Boise, Idaho.....	\$99,334	\$77,543	\$402,058
Mustang, Okla.....	346,425	50,130	505,025	Butte, Mont.....	5,750	950	100
Nashville, Tenn.....	451,174	670,340	441,550	Colorado Springs, Col.	291,975	116,735	273,155
New Orleans, La.....	3,419,808	3,857,350	4,363,039	Denver, Col.....	4,011,432	1,846,290	3,315,187
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2,299,040	689,274	1,491,385	Great Falls, Mont.	2,505	55,525	1,122,550
Port Arthur, Tex.....	390,353	229,255	209,077	Ogden, Utah.....	45,800	38,400	95,350
San Antonio, Tex.....	601,705	195,174	550,963	Phoenix, Ariz.....	717,305	1,087,080	1,038,080
Shreveport, La.....	4,667,351	2,512,840	3,218,062	Pueblo, Col.....	502,103	120,277	182,741
Tulsa, Okla.....	1,110,338	771,954	1,011,036	Salt Lake City, Utah	387,100	273,851	531,851
Waco, Tex.....	3,339,500	382,190	978,800	Tucson, Ariz.....	718,485	461,315	177,150
Wichita Falls, Tex.	263,724	113,285	923,940	Total Mountains.....	\$6,077,809	\$4,077,857	\$7,122,523
Total Sou. Central....	\$60,940,028	\$30,713,329	\$46,195,520				
West Central:				Pacific			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa....	\$158,118	\$1,216,761	\$1,005,950	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$632,955	\$122,369	\$328,014
Davenport, Iowa.....	215,966	182,966	224,695	Berkeley, Cal.....	691,197	543,428	386,190
Des Moines, Iowa.....	339,925	241,700	2,546,829	Beverly Hills, Cal..	894,927	215,800	284,079
Dubuque, Iowa.....	69,465	80,590	190,809	Fresno, Cal.....	866,504	1,083,404	921,754
Duluth, Minn.....	104,102	99,330	426,711	Glendale, Cal.....	1,039,872	524,355	1,239,884
Farago, N. D.....	51,073	36,400	141,600	Long Beach, Cal....	3,200,730	1,834,205	4,587,400
Kansas City, Kas.....	499,730	106,700	2,266,430	Los Angeles, Cal....	22,731,358	16,781,059	20,181,783
Kansas City, Mo.....	2,660,000	591,955	910,425	Oakland, Cal.....	2,421,960	1,590,940	2,064,332
Lincoln, Neb.....	268,110	63,510	440,950	Pasadena, Cal.....	1,074,548	1,334,357	1,469,379
Minneapolis, Minn....	3,836,400	2,675,041	440,950	Portland, Ore.....	6,368,920	1,818,595	3,407,845
Omaha, Neb.....	457,154	694,884	1,717,780	Sacramento, Cal....	2,206,014	542,554	6,785,734
St. Joseph, Mo.....	80,970	27,075	48,112	San Diego, Cal.....	1,514,464	1,779,076	1,866,163
St. Louis, Mo.....	2,011,727	1,171,728	4,120,742	San Francisco, Cal.	5,257,911	2,630,189	6,913,302
St. Paul, Minn.....	452,932	417,030	1,747,456	San Jose, Cal.....	1,049,047	700,585	693,428
Stour City, Iowa.....	86,720	59,925	1,323,050	Seattle, Wash.....	2,111,740	1,943,550	2,229,970
Stour Falls, S. D....	50,040	103,140	300,131	Spokane, Wash.....	591,813	281,825	311,445
Topeka, Kan.....	889,000	47,600	322,950	Stockton, Cal.....	348,525	240,995	1,772,653
Wichita, Kan.....	1,826,308	236,740	1,777,390	Tacoma, Wash.....	567,756	617,181	988,612
Total West Central....	\$11,762,911	\$10,110,942	\$22,189,045	Total Pacific.....	\$55,399,293	\$35,899,427	\$59,229,667
				Total 215 Cities.....	\$334,999,161	\$222,489,796	\$310,418,890

## Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1948 to Date

	Total United States - 215 Cities			New York City			Outside New York City - 214 Cities		
	1950	1949	1948	1950	1949	1948	1950	1949	1948
Jan.....	\$334,999,161	\$222,489,796	\$286,513,048	\$41,873,234	\$64,741,267	\$84,144,030	\$293,125,927	\$157,748,529	\$242,369,518
Feb.....	344,195,351	244,195,351	311,751,520	51,217,757	73,905,115	97,896,307	292,701,009	192,748,529	192,748,529
Mar.....	325,900,104	318,610,780	378,610,780	39,288,095	40,756,173	59,288,095	287,701,009	287,701,009	287,701,009
Apr.....	347,997,556	364,428,311	364,428,311	38,751,201	34,559,656	34,559,656	309,244,355	309,244,355	309,244,355
May.....	330,581,073	333,036,058	333,036,058	38,898,668	47,943,465	47,943,465	291,692,405	291,692,405	291,692,405
June.....	394,056,002	381,861,112	381,861,112	46,169,030	44,196,207	44,196,207	347,666,903	347,666,903	347,666,903
July.....	315,216,164	346,124,096	346,124,096	25,941,739	36,480,023	36,480,023	288,973,304	288,973,304	288,973,304
Aug.....	347,406,808	375,133,931	375,133,931	41,341,125	49,784,960	49,784,960	308,008,680	308,008,680	308,008,680
Sept.....	390,980,723	363,134,618	363,134,618	46,294,981	74,161,114	74,161,114	288,973,304	288,973,304	288,973,304
Oct.....	379,954,952	304,181,448	304,181,448	54,703,605	35,674,139	35,674,139	325,251,350	268,509,500	268,509,500
Nov.....	306,757,153	286,975,722	286,975,722	37,416,047	46,411,458	46,411,458	272,338,508	233,559,114	233,559,114
Dec.....	310,418,890	275,532,314	275,532,314	41,739,020	46,215,077	46,215,077	268,679,670	229,318,357	229,318,357
Total.....	\$3,918,869,774	\$3,907,726,840	\$3,907,726,840	\$508,528,184	\$541,224,767	\$541,224,767	\$1,390,341,590	\$1,390,341,590	\$1,390,341,590

## Building Permit Values for 120 Cities—1937 to Date

(Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100; Adjusted for seasonal variations.)  
(Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	269,459	189,100	126.3	273,321	140.6	128,359	81.4
February.....	194,905	117.5	190,204	127.7	139,718	84.7	150,117
March.....	253,322	113.0	263,044	113.7	196,744	79.7	335,184
April.....	281,047	107.7	283,763	115.2	178,146	73.1	197,276
May.....	253,201	116.3	278,261	117.2	164,928	76.9	187,755
June.....	317,107	117.0	294,305	120.8	222,934	88.3	161,134
July.....	246,774	124.1	274,942	129.5	222,942	100.3	179,518
August.....	278,760	133.2	295,727	136.5	226,908	111.2	167,979
September.....	311,411	141.3	284,118	134.9	245,263	119.8	184,839
October.....	309,573	150.8	246,781	132.8	260,638	128.1	137,278
November.....	245,119	145.9	229,959	126.5	227,903	135.7	130,774
December.....	249,102	132.4	228,846	126.7	255,187	143.4	123,250
Total.....	3,131,075	3,111,251	2,466,870	2,088,918	1,026,028	708,505	
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	24,252	16.2	59,175	40.7	89,163	54.1	72,269
February.....	20,908	13.4	67,377	37.7	76,800	52.8	76,718
March.....	26,454	13.2	83,920	36.1	115,780	46.2	91,409
April.....	39,017	14.3	117,787	32.1	115,076	46.2	97,743
May.....	41,556	15.0	56,100	27.4	119,214	46.6	102,319
June.....	31,494	16.0	49,297	29.5	108,651	51.4	92,721
July.....	37,739	16.6	49,291	29.4	127,363	46.4	95,364
August.....	41,221	18.6	49,228	21.9	95,166	50.8	91,442
September.....	31,118	16.6	49,779	20.8	96,111	47.5	95,652
October.....	41,658	21.0	35,472	19.7	99,169	47.3	111,870
November.....	40,852	21.7	29,510	17.8	76,245	45.4	85,185
December.....	36,193	20.8	31,641	17.2	75,516	40.4	91,742
Total.....	418,261	643,620	1,196,043	1,104,440	1,026,812	965,836	940,260

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st	Apr.	May	June	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	32nd	33rd	34th	35th	36th	37th	38th	39th	40th	41st	42nd	43rd	44th	45th	46th	47th	48th	49th	50th	51st	52nd	53rd	54th	55th	56th	57th	58th	59th	60th	61st	62nd	63rd	64th	65th	66th	67th	68th	69th	70th	71st	72nd	73rd	74th	75th	76th	77th	78th	79th	80th	81st	82nd	83rd	84th	85th	86th	87th	88th	89th	90th	91st	92nd	93rd	94th	95th	96th	97th	98th	99th	100th	101st	102nd	103rd	104th	105th	106th	107th	108th	109th	110th	111th	112th	113th	114th	115th	116th	117th	118th	119th	120th	121st	122nd	123rd	124th	125th	126th	127th	128th	129th	130th	131st	132nd	133rd	134th	135th	136th	137th	138th	139th	140th	141st	142nd	143rd	144th	145th	146th	147th	148th	149th	150th	151st	152nd	153rd	154th	155th	156th	157th	158th	159th	160th	161st	162nd	163rd	164th	165th	166th	167th	168th	169th	170th	171st	172nd	173rd	174th	175th	176th	177th	178th	179th	180th	181st	182nd	183rd	184th	185th	186th	187th	188th	189th	190th	191st	192nd	193rd	194th	195th	196th	197th	198th	199th	200th	201st	202nd	203rd	204th	205th	206th	207th	208th	209th	210th	211st	212nd	213rd	214th	215th	216th	217th	218th	219th	220th	221st	222nd	223rd	224th	225th	226th	227th	228th	229th	230th	231st	232nd	233rd	234th	235th	236th	237th	238th	239th	240th	241st	242nd	243rd	244th	245th	246th	247th	248th	249th	250th	251st	252nd	253rd	254th	255th	256th	257th	258th	259th	260th	261st	262nd	263rd	264th	265th	266th	267th	268th	269th	270th	271st	272nd	273rd	274th	275th	276th	277th	278th	279th	280th	281st	282nd	283rd	284th	285th	286th	287th	288th	289th	290th	291st	292nd	293rd	294th	295th	296th	297th	298th	299th	300th	301st	302nd	303rd	304th	305th	306th	307th	308th	309th	310th	311st	312nd	313rd	314th	315th	316th	317th	318th	319th	320th	321st	322nd	323rd	324th	325th	326th	327th	328th	329th	330th	331st	332nd	333rd	334th	335th	336th	337th	338th	339th	340th	341st	342nd	343rd	344th	345th	346th	347th	348th	349th	350th	351st	352nd	353rd	354th	355th	356th	357th	358th	359th	360th	361st	362nd	363rd	364th	365th	366th	367th	368th	369th	370th	371st	372nd	373rd	374th	375th	376th	377th	378th	379th	380th	381st	382nd	383rd	384th	385th	386th	387th	388th	389th	390th	391st	392nd	393rd	394th	395th	396th	397th	398th	399th	400th	401st	402nd	403rd	404th	405th	406th	407th	408th	409th	410th	411st	412nd	413rd	414th	415th	416th	417th	418th	419th	420th	421st	422nd	423rd	424th	425th	426th	427th	428th	429th	430th	431st	432nd	433rd	434th	435th	436th	437th	438th	439th	440th	441st	442nd	443rd	444th	445th	446th	447th	448th	449th	450th	451st	452nd	453rd	454th	455th	456th	457th	458th	459th	460th	461st	462nd	463rd	464th	465th	466th	467th	468th	469th	470th	471st	472nd	473rd	474th	475th	476th	477th	478th	479th	480th	481st	482nd	483rd	484th	485th	486th	487th	488th	489th	490th	491st	492nd	493rd	494th	495th	496th	497th	498th	499th	500th	501st	502nd	503rd	504th	505th	506th	507th	508th	509th	510th	511st	512nd	513rd	514th	515th	516th	517th	518th	519th	520th	521st	522nd	523rd	524th	525th	526th	527th	528th	529th	530th	531st	532nd	533rd	534th	535th	536th	537th	538th	539th	540th	541st	542nd	543rd	544th	545th	546th	547th	548th	549th	550th	551st	552nd	553rd	554th	555th	556th	557th	558th	559th	560th	561st	562nd	563rd	564th	565th	566th	567th	568th	569th	570th	571st	572nd	573rd	574th	575th	576th	577th	578th	579th	580th	581st	582nd	583rd	584th	585th	586th	587th	588th	589th	590th	591st	592nd	593rd	594th	595th	596th	597th	598th	599th	600th	601st	602nd	603rd	604th	605th	606th	607th	608th	609th	610th	611st	612nd	613rd	614th	615th	616th	617th	618th	619th	620th	621st	622nd	623rd	624th	625th	626th	627th	628th	629th	630th	631st	632nd	633rd	634th	635th	636th	637th	638th	639th	640th	641st	642nd	643rd	644th	645th	646th	647th	648th	649th	650th	651st	652nd	653rd	654th	655th	656th	657th	658th	659th	660th	661st	662nd	663rd	664th	665th	666th	667th	668th	669th	670th	671st	672nd	673rd	674th	675th	676th	677th	678th	679th	680th	681st	682nd	683rd	684th	685th	686th	687th	688th	689th	690th	691st	692nd	693rd	694th	695th	696th	697th	698th	699th	700th	701st	702nd	703rd	704th	705th	706th	707th	708th	709th	710th	711st	712nd	713rd	714th	715th	716th	717th	718th	719th	720th	721st	722nd	723rd	724th	725th	726th	727th	728th	729th	730th	731st	732nd	733rd	734th	735th	736th	737th	738th	739th	740th	741st	742nd	743rd	744th	745th	746th	747th	748th	749th	750th	751st	752nd	753rd	754th	755th	756th	757th	758th	759th	760th	761st	762nd	763rd	764th	765th	766th	767th	768th	769th	770th	771st	772nd	773rd	774th	775th	776th	777th	778th	779th	780th	781st	782nd	783rd	784th	785th	786th	787th	788th	789th	790th	791st	792nd	793rd	794th	795th	796th	797th	798th	799th	800th	801st	802nd	803rd	804th	805th	806th	807th	808th	809th	810th	811st	812nd	813rd	814th	815th	816th	817th	818th	819th	820th	821st	822nd	823rd	824th	825th	826th	827th	828th	829th	830th	831st	832nd	833rd	834th	835th	836th	837th	838th	839th	840th	841st	842nd	843rd	844th	845th	846th	847th	848th	849th	850th	851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# Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1948 to Date

1948	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	356	108	30.3	43	12.1	153	43.0	23	6.5	29	8.1
February	417	151	36.2	35	8.4	165	39.6	22	5.3	44	10.5
March	477	136	28.5	57	11.9	194	40.7	43	9.0	47	9.9
April	404	99	24.5	50	12.4	175	43.3	10	2.4	50	12.4
May	426	135	31.7	72	16.9	156	37.1	31	7.3	30	7.0
June	463	130	28.1	54	11.6	194	41.9	36	7.8	49	10.6
July	420	119	28.3	62	14.8	166	39.5	36	8.6	37	8.8
August	439	109	24.8	61	13.9	194	44.2	40	9.1	35	8.0
September	397	98	24.6	50	12.6	173	43.5	37	9.3	38	9.5
October	459	112	24.4	69	15.0	188	41.0	40	8.7	50	10.9
November	460	129	28.1	55	12.0	208	45.2	37	8.0	31	6.7
December	531	155	29.2	59	11.1	217	40.9	64	12.0	36	6.8
Total Year	5,250	1,481	28.2	669	12.7	2,185	41.6	439	8.4	476	9.1
1949											
January	566	129	22.8	76	13.4	267	47.2	53	9.4	41	7.2
February	685	170	24.8	90	13.2	318	46.4	61	9.2	44	6.4
March	847	215	25.4	102	12.0	366	43.2	77	9.1	87	10.3
April	877	229	26.2	98	11.2	406	46.2	68	7.7	76	8.7
May	775	202	26.1	101	13.0	351	45.3	63	8.1	58	7.5
June	828	215	26.0	92	11.1	372	44.9	74	8.9	75	9.1
July	719	188	26.2	77	10.7	344	47.8	61	8.5	49	6.8
August	810	221	27.3	96	11.9	385	47.5	55	6.8	53	6.5
September	732	183	25.0	82	11.2	329	44.9	71	9.7	67	9.2
October	802	181	22.6	108	13.6	364	45.4	90	11.2	58	7.2
November	835	197	23.6	97	11.6	395	47.3	83	9.9	63	7.6
December	770	201	26.1	90	11.7	349	45.3	80	10.4	50	6.5
Total Year	9,246	2,331	25.2	1,110	12.0	4,246	46.0	838	9.1	721	7.7
1950											
January	864	225	26.1	110	12.7	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
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# Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1948 to Date

1948	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	356	57	16.0	185	52.0	84	23.6	29	8.1	1	0.3
February	417	61	14.6	215	51.6	100	24.0	37	8.9	4	0.9
March	477	80	16.8	245	51.4	116	24.3	34	7.1	2	0.4
April	404	59	14.6	224	55.4	92	22.8	29	7.2	..	..
May	426	71	16.7	236	55.4	92	21.6	27	6.3	..	..
June	463	90	19.5	246	53.1	107	23.1	30	6.5	..	..
July	420	64	15.2	219	52.2	110	26.2	27	6.4	..	..
August	439	75	17.1	256	58.3	84	19.1	22	5.0	2	0.5
September	398	68	17.1	202	50.7	92	24.9	25	6.3	4	1.0
October	459	78	16.9	240	52.1	101	21.9	35	7.8	5	1.1
November	460	70	15.2	246	53.5	105	22.8	36	7.8	3	0.7
December	531	73	13.7	285	53.7	118	22.2	53	10.0	2	0.4
Total Year	5,250	846	16.1	2,799	53.3	1,208	23.0	374	7.1	23	0.5
1949											
January	566	85	15.0	393	57.1	126	22.2	31	5.5	1	0.2
February	685	108	15.8	357	52.1	175	25.5	43	6.3	2	0.3
March	847	142	16.8	422	49.8	217	25.6	62	7.3	4	0.5
April	877	187	21.3	451	51.3	192	21.9	45	5.1	2	0.2
May	775	157	20.3	374	48.3	201	25.9	42	5.4	1	0.1
June	828	158	19.1	415	50.1	203	24.5	52	6.3	..	..
July	719	163	22.7	351	48.8	167	23.2	37	5.2	1	0.1
August	810	169	20.9	404	49.9	169	20.9	56	6.9	2	0.2
September	732	180	24.6	366	50.0	148	20.2	37	5.1	1	0.1
October	802	178	22.2	392	48.9	188	23.4	42	5.2	2	0.3
November	835	203	24.3	427	51.1	165	19.8	38	4.6	2	0.2
December	770	192	24.9	364	47.3	179	23.2	35	4.6	..	..
Total Year	9,246	1,915	20.6	4,646	50.4	2,147	23.2	520	5.6	18	0.2
1950											
January	864	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
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# Failures by Divisions of Industry—January 1950

	Number			Current Liabilities (Thousands of dollars)		
	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948
<b>Mining &amp; Manufacturing:</b>						
Mining—Coal, Oil, Misc....	5	1	1	1,409	12	10
Food & Kindred Products....	21	16	8	540	645	554
Textile Mill Prods. & Apparel....	40	19	7	1,168	1,270	296
Lumber and Products.....	17	21	10	1,563	718	460
Paper, Printing & Pub....	10	4	4	311	56	211
Chemicals & Allied Prods....	5	4	0	2,547	110	82
Leather & Products.....	12	11	6	517	263	191
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods....	5	3	5	18	77	54
Iron, Steel & Products.....	4	4	9	220	461	687
Machinery.....	31	15	20	1,191	3,141	1,711
Transportation Equipment....	4	6	8	19	1,004	605
Miscellaneous.....	42	23	26	967	836	2,127
<b>Total Mining &amp; Mfg.....</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>10,928</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>6,892</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade:</b>						
Food & Farm Products.....	35	26	10	2,407	1,106	521
Apparel.....	7	7	7	316	97	150
Dry Goods.....	2	5	..	40	84	..
Lumber, Bldg.Mats., Hdw....	12	4	4	460	93	141
Chemicals & Drugs.....	2	1	1	69	42	5
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip....	6	4	1	160	87	10
Miscellaneous.....	46	30	25	898	1,118	872
<b>Total Wholesale Trade....</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>1,705</b>
<b>Retail Trade:</b>						
Food & Liquor.....	78	55	32	874	778	406
General Merchandise.....	25	17	6	290	170	81
Apparel & Accessories.....	80	32	30	1,182	491	631
Furniture, Home Furnishings....	40	36	9	1,297	810	145
Lumber, Bldg.Mats., Hdw....	19	19	10	585	201	300
Automotive Group.....	33	19	15	653	275	237
Eating & Drinking Places....	81	50	30	1,767	1,470	638
Drug Stores.....	14	9	7	175	247	31
Miscellaneous.....	13	30	19	532	399	365
<b>Total Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>2,837</b>
<b>Constructions:</b>						
Gen'l. Bldg. Contractors....	23	24	7	615	1,179	560
Building Sub-Contractors....	40	21	14	1,080	551	298
Other Contractors.....	2	0	2	189	162	32
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>820</b>
<b>Commercial Services:</b>						
Pass. & Freight Trans....	13	16	16	662	678	525
Misc. Public Services.....	3	..	..	57	..	..
Hotels.....	2	..	..	555	..	..
Cleaning, Dying, Repairing....	6	3	1	47	26	6
Landries.....	6	3	2	101	165	20
Undertakers.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Personal Services....	5	4	3	29	59	20
Business & Repair Services....	26	15	7	378	245	131
<b>Total Commercial Service....</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>711</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>26,430</b>	<b>19,159</b>	<b>12,965</b>

(a) Subtract this item to obtain true Manufacturing Total.

## Failures in Large Cities—January 1950

	Number			Current Liabilities (Thousands of dollars)		
	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948
<b>Cities:</b>						
11940 Population Ranking:						
New York City.....	165	67	47	4,221	2,500	1,739
Chicago.....	105	21	12	1,319	2,104	129
Philadelphia.....	17	22	16	268	817	347
Detroit.....	5	14	8	192	405	39
Los Angeles.....	47	27	22	995	541	1,212
Cleveland.....	11	7	8	381	404	409
Baltimore.....	15	6	1	2,719	128	9
St. Louis.....	3	7	5	141	819	112
Boston.....	27	0	8	645	120	814
Pittsburgh.....	2	4	1	7	49	15
Washington, D.C.....	2	8	..	91	149	..
San Francisco.....	11	16	2	985	409	66
Milwaukee.....	6	2	1	199	448	10
Buffalo.....	6	5	3	145	144	24
New Orleans.....	1	1	..	15	77	..
Minneapolis.....	1	2	3	1	38	92
Cincinnati.....	2	2	7	48	50	16
Nearby, No. div.....	10	7	7	126	626	180
Kansas City, Mo.....	1	1	3	273	20	58
Indianapolis.....	1	..	..	26	..	..
Houston.....	6	..	0	91	..	60
Seattle.....	6	1	..	55	70	..
Rochester.....	8	..	0	112	..	330
Louisville.....	3	1	3	28	70	312
Denver.....	1	..	..	1,309	..	26
<b>Total 25 Cities.....</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>14,437</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>6,223</b>
<b>Balance of Country.....</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>11,993</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>6,742</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>26,430</b>	<b>19,159</b>	<b>12,965</b>

# United States Failures by States—January 1950

	Number			Current Liabilities (Thousands of dollars)		
	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948
<b>New England:</b>						
Maine.....	2	5	1	125	34	7
New Hampshire.....	3	3	1	69	85	27
Vermont.....	1	1	2	7	2	40
Massachusetts.....	57	44	31	1,513	959	1,150
Connecticut.....	17	15	5	251	522	49
Rhode Island.....	11	13	5	100	462	54
<b>Total New England.....</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>1,343</b>
<b>Middle Atlantic:</b>						
New York.....	207	88	64	5,086	7,558	2,193
New Jersey.....	38	27	19	849	1,135	805
Pennsylvania.....	33	32	25	429	595	810
<b>Total Middle Atlantic.....</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>6,434</b>	<b>5,588</b>	<b>3,017</b>
<b>East North Central:</b>						
Ohio.....	41	19	14	908	656	690
Indiana.....	7	7	3	100	71	121
Illinois.....	55	33	17	1,737	2,455	1,637
Michigan.....	15	20	7	405	638	176
Wisconsin.....	27	2	6	724	627	270
<b>Total East No. Central....</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>4,449</b>	<b>2,944</b>
<b>West North Central:</b>						
Minnesota.....	4	4	6	48	69	229
Iowa.....	6	..	2	341	..	41
Missouri.....	12	11	11	479	376	413
North Dakota.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Dakota.....	1	..	..	17	..	..
Nebraska.....	3	1	3	17	50	90
Kansas.....	..	2	1	..	62	12
<b>Total West No. Central....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>765</b>
<b>South Atlantic:</b>						
Maryland.....	21	7	1	2,811	130	3
Delaware.....	..	..	1	..	..	10
District of Columbia.....	2	3	..	91	199	..
Virginia.....	4	2	2	66	121	9
West Virginia.....	6	4	1	196	51	10
North Carolina.....	8	5	2	175	57	44
South Carolina.....	2	..	2	369	..	50
Georgia.....	11	10	6	375	175	54
Florida.....	14	7	7	413	252	21
<b>Total South Atlantic.....</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4,493</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>901</b>
<b>East South Central:</b>						
Kentucky.....	7	4	4	148	88	267
Tennessee.....	8	4	2	56	86	56
Alabama.....	3	5	2	92	69	71
Mississippi.....	9	4	4	249	75	58
<b>Total East So. Central....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>434</b>
<b>West South Central:</b>						
Arkansas.....	4	2	1	154	42	5
Oklahoma.....	6	8	1	810	21	61
Louisiana.....	6	5	4	61	71	71
Texas.....	21	6	8	642	951	145
<b>Total West So. Central....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Mountains:</b>						
Montana.....	..	2	..	..	11	..
Idaho.....	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wyoming.....	..	1	..	..	..	..
Colorado.....	6	1	7	1,155	6	35
New Mexico.....	..	1	3	..	17	61
Arizona.....	4	2	..	199	72	..
Utah.....	3	2	4	71	19	139
Nevada.....	1	1	..	15	58	..
<b>Total Mountain.....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>Pacific:</b>						
Washington.....	14	5	9	167	89	291
Oregon.....	16	16	4	254	194	58
California.....	140	100	65	4,731	3,213	2,421
<b>Total Pacific.....</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>3,506</b>	<b>2,770</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>26,430</b>	<b>19,159</b>	<b>12,965</b>

## Canadian Failures by Provinces—January 1950

	Number			Current Liabilities (Thousands of dollars)		
	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948	Jan. 1950	Jan. 1949	Jan. 1948
<b>Canada:</b>						
Prince Edward Island.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Brunswick.....	1	..	..	35	..	..
Quebec.....	48	38	28	539	501	408
Ontario.....	17	12	7	679	620	113
Manitoba.....	1	4	3	12	35	113
Saskatchewan.....	..	1	..	..	7	..
Alberta.....	2	..	..	9	..	..
British Columbia.....	7	..	3	161	..	92
<b>Total Canada.....</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>7,090</b>



# Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—January 1950

	January 1950				January 1949				January 1948			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing....	225	100.0	10,928	10,948	129	100.0	8,625	8,625	108	100.0	6,892	6,937
Under \$5,000.....	35	15.6	91	91	8	6.2	20	20	5	4.6	16	16
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	100	44.4	1,168	1,168	61	47.2	769	769	48	44.5	630	630
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	73	32.4	3,092	3,092	46	35.7	1,988	1,988	36	33.2	1,094	1,094
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	15	6.7	2,800	2,800	13	10.1	4,339	4,339	16	14.8	3,052	3,097
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.9	3,777	3,777	1	0.8	1,500	1,500	1	0.9	1,200	1,200
Wholesale Trade.....	110	100.0	4,440	4,440	76	100.0	2,627	2,627	43	100.0	1,705	1,705
Under \$5,000.....	15	13.6	40	40	2	2.6	3	3	6	13.9	19	19
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	53	48.2	680	680	43	56.6	562	562	22	51.2	276	276
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	36	32.7	1,887	1,887	24	31.6	1,094	1,094	12	27.9	540	540
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	5.5	1,833	1,833	7	9.2	968	968	3	7.0	870	870
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Retail Trade.....	403	100.0	7,355	7,355	267	100.0	4,841	4,841	153	100.0	2,637	2,637
Under \$5,000.....	105	26.1	299	299	60	22.5	179	179	37	24.2	115	115
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	229	56.8	2,607	2,607	168	62.9	2,039	2,039	86	56.2	965	965
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	59	14.6	1,718	1,718	34	12.7	1,650	1,650	24	15.7	907	907
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	10	2.5	1,711	1,711	5	1.9	973	973	6	3.9	790	790
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Construction.....	65	100.0	1,884	1,884	53	100.0	1,892	1,892	23	100.0	820	820
Under \$5,000.....	10	15.4	26	26	7	13.2	26	26	5	21.7	19	19
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	37	56.9	438	438	28	52.8	343	343	10	43.5	118	118
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	13	20.0	495	495	15	28.3	706	706	6	26.1	225	225
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	5	7.7	925	1,025	3	5.7	817	817	2	8.7	458	458
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Commercial Service.....	61	100.0	1,829	1,829	41	100.0	1,174	1,174	29	100.0	711	711
Under \$5,000.....	15	24.6	37	37	8	19.5	20	20	4	13.8	14	14
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	49.2	351	351	23	56.1	279	279	19	65.5	234	234
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	13	21.3	586	586	7	17.1	430	430	4	13.8	167	167
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	3	4.9	855	855	3	7.3	445	445	2	6.9	296	296
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total United States.....	864	100.0	26,436	26,556	566	100.0	19,159	19,159	356	100.0	12,965	13,010
Under \$5,000.....	180	20.9	493	493	85	15.0	257	257	57	16.0	183	183
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	449	52.0	5,244	5,244	323	57.1	3,992	3,992	185	52.0	2,223	2,223
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	194	22.5	8,798	8,798	126	22.2	5,868	5,868	84	23.6	3,893	3,893
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	39	4.5	8,124	8,444	31	5.5	7,542	7,542	29	8.1	5,466	5,511
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.2	1,777	3,777	1	0.2	1,500	1,500	1	0.3	1,200	1,200

## Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—January 1950

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

District	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1)	27	550	13	421	16	705	11	327	8	71	91	2,074
New York.....(2)	92	2,456	28	968	38	1,972	9	138	13	237	140	5,771
Philadelphia.....(3)	6	132	5	123	14	181	1	10	3	24	59	529
Cleveland.....(4)	10	217	6	235	28	479	..	..	6	98	50	1,042
Richmond.....(5)	9	2,084	4	182	22	338	6	81	2	393	43	3,678
Arlington.....(6)	32	187	8	900	25	518	3	17	1	42	93	933
Chicago.....(7)	19	793	17	445	50	1,063	6	364	9	556	101	3,241
St. Louis.....(8)	4	545	2	98	19	810	4	74	2	177	31	1,106
Minneapolis.....(9)	..	..	..	..	6	79	..	..	..	..	6	79
Kansas City.....(10)	4	1,559	2	22	8	142	2	16	..	27	18	1,771
Dallas.....(11)	5	291	4	159	11	237	3	35	1	3	24	725
San Francisco.....(12)	48	1,464	21	1,592	56	1,416	20	773	14	192	189	5,487
Total United States.....	225	10,928	110	4,440	403	7,355	65	1,884	61	1,829	864	26,436

## Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index						Adjusted Index					
	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
January.....	38.5	25.7	16.7	10.2	4.7	5.1	36.0	23.8	15.3	9.3	4.3	4.6
February.....	35.2	21.0	13.8	6.1	4.8	8.6	..	29.6	19.5	11.8	5.3	4.1
March.....	35.5	21.3	12.4	4.4	5.2	6.3	..	32.9	18.7	11.5	4.5	4.1
April.....	38.1	18.5	17.5	4.5	5.7	8.2	..	35.0	17.0	12.4	4.4	5.2
May.....	34.9	20.2	18.2	4.7	4.4	9.3	..	33.2	19.2	17.3	4.5	4.2
June.....	35.7	21.0	14.1	3.8	3.7	7.2	..	36.1	21.2	14.4	3.8	7.3
July.....	32.2	18.9	14.2	3.9	4.5	5.7	..	34.5	18.3	15.1	4.1	4.9
August.....	33.5	19.6	13.4	4.0	3.2	4.8	..	38.1	22.3	15.2	5.2	5.5
September.....	32.7	18.4	14.2	3.4	4.2	4.9	..	36.5	21.9	16.9	6.5	5.1
October.....	35.7	21.1	15.5	6.3	7.7	4.8	..	39.7	24.0	17.4	7.1	4.0
November.....	40.3	22.9	17.3	5.2	3.8	5.0	..	40.5	22.9	17.1	5.8	4.9
December.....	33.0	21.3	14.8	7.4	2.5	6.0	..	34.2	23.5	15.1	7.4	2.5
Mo. Average..	38.5	24.4	20.4	14.3	5.2	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

# TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

## POST-HOLIDAY TRADE DIPS SEASONALLY

Consumer spending fell slightly in the first half of February, marking a continuation of the seasonal post-holiday decline which began in the final week of December. Retail dollar volume remained somewhat below that of the comparable 1949 period.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer, which measures the flow of trade in retail channels in terms of the 1935-1939 average, rose 3.9 per cent in January to 282.8 (preliminary). This barometer, adjusted for seasonal variations and for the number of business days in the month, was 0.5 per cent below a year ago.

The dollar volume of retail trade in January was \$9.5 billion. This compared with \$9.3 billion in January 1949 and with \$12.8 billion in December. The drop from the previous month's level was largely seasonal.

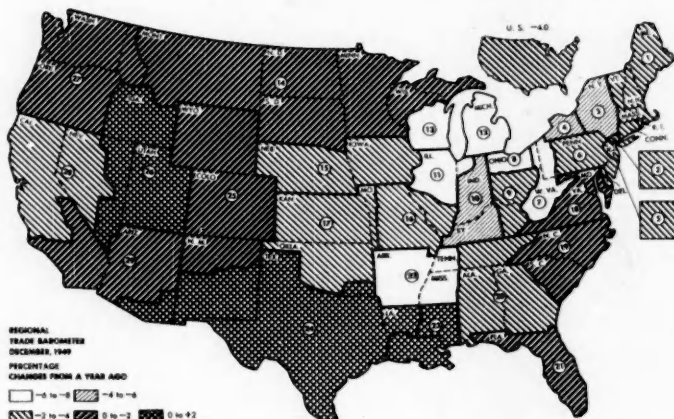
The final barometer for December of 1948 reflected a decrease of 1.7 per cent from the November level. It was 4.0 per cent below the 283.3 barometer of December 1948.

The barometers for a majority of regions were below those of the preceding month. The largest declines were 7.2 per cent in the New York City Region (2) and 5.4 per cent in the Philadelphia Region (6).

The sharpest monthly rises were 9.7 per cent in the Salt Lake City Region (26) and 8.4 per cent which occurred in both the Florida Region (21) and the Denver Region (25).

The barometers of all but three of the 29 regions were below their corresponding levels of a year ago. The most pronounced yearly increases were 1.0 per cent in the New Orleans Region (23) and 1.6 per cent in the Salt Lake City Region (26).

The sharpest year-to-year drops, in the Cleveland Region (8) and the Detroit Region (12), were 7.5 per cent and 7.4 per cent respectively.



### REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation  
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	Dec. 1949	Change from Dec. 1948 %	Nov. 1949	Change from Nov. 1949 %	Comparison with U. S. %	1939 Retail Sales %
United States	272.1	-4.0	276.8	-1.7		100.0
1. New England	213.8	-3.0	213.9*	-0.0	-21.4	7.4
2. New York City	211.5	-2.9	228.0	-7.2	-22.3	9.4
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	275.8	-4.3	272.3	+1.3	+1.4	2.4
4. Buffalo and Rochester	267.7	-4.9	268.8	-0.4	-1.6	1.9
5. Northern New Jersey	218.5	-4.0	218.6	-0.0	-19.7	2.9
6. Philadelphia	253.7	-2.6	268.1	-5.4	-6.8	6.1
7. Pittsburgh	240.2	-6.4	234.0	+2.6	-11.7	3.8
8. Cleveland	267.5	-7.5	268.3	-0.3	-1.7	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	287.6	-3.0	279.1	+3.0	+5.7	3.1
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	300.3	-5.4	307.7*	-2.4	+10.4	2.8
11. Chicago	247.6	-7.1	259.1	-4.4	-9.0	6.6
12. Detroit	273.4	-7.4	284.6	-3.9	+0.5	4.1
13. Milwaukee	288.8	-6.7	304.3	-5.1	+6.1	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	288.0	-1.2	291.7*	-1.3	+5.8	4.3
15. Iowa and Nebraska	292.5	-2.8	303.7	-3.7	+7.5	3.0
16. St. Louis	272.1	-3.4	279.3	-2.6	0.0	2.5
17. Kansas City	287.2	-2.3	299.6	-4.1	+5.5	3.1
18. Maryland and Virginia	274.7	-1.8	280.1	-1.9	+1.0	3.9
19. North and South Carolina	301.6	-1.5	318.4	-5.3	+10.8	2.3
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	343.6	-2.2	357.7	-3.9	+26.3	3.5
21. Florida	360.8	-0.7	332.7*	+8.4	+32.6	1.5
22. Memphis	317.4	-6.5	304.1	+4.4	+16.6	1.5
23. New Orleans	352.6	+1.9	348.8*	+1.1	+29.6	1.2
24. Texas	383.9	+0.1	364.0	+5.5	+41.1	4.9
25. Denver	317.0	-1.6	292.5	+8.4	+16.5	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	320.9	+1.6	292.6	+9.7	+17.9	0.8
27. Portland and Seattle	326.4	-1.2	311.9	+4.6	+20.0	2.7
28. San Francisco	294.4	-2.5	290.0	+1.5	+8.2	3.7
29. Los Angeles	292.4	-1.2	278.0	+5.2	+7.5	4.3

\* Revised.

# TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

## Region 1

DECEMBER—Barometer dipped fractionally, slightly below 1948; 21.4% below U. S. Boston wholesale volume 5% above a year ago, Hartford up 4%, Providence up 3%; Portland down 8%.

JANUARY—New England department stores 4% below a year ago; Boston sales up 1%. Manufacturing output and employment slightly below a year ago. Order volume down in month. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 2

DECEMBER—Barometer lowest of all regions, fell moderately in month, slightly below a year ago; 22.3% below U. S. New York City wholesale volume 4% below 1948, Bridgeport down 6%.

JANUARY—New York City department store sales 10% below a year ago; apparel store sales down 13%. Manufacturing production and order volume above 1949. Employment up in month. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 3

DECEMBER—Barometer rose 1.3% in month, slightly below a year ago; 1.4% above U. S. Albany wholesale volume 3% below a year ago, Utica down 10%, Syracuse fractionally below 1948.

JANUARY—Syracuse department store sales 7% below a year ago. Industrial production rose slightly in month, somewhat below a year ago. Inventories and employment steady in month. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 4

DECEMBER—Barometer fell fractionally in month, 4.9% below 1948 level; 1.6% below U. S. Buffalo wholesale volume slightly exceeded a year ago; Elmira down 4%, Rochester down 8%.

JANUARY—Buffalo department store sales 9% below a year ago, Rochester sales down 6%. Buffalo steel output at 97.8% of capacity. Buffalo flour output 2% below 1949. Employment up. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 5

DECEMBER—Barometer very slightly below month ago, 4.0% below a year ago; 19.7% below U. S. barometer. Newark wholesale volume 3% above 1948 level. Employment below a year ago.

JANUARY—Newark department store sales 8% below a year ago. Industrial output and order volume steady in month, below 1949. Manufacturers' inventories below a year ago. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

*The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.*

*The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended January 28, 1950.*

## Region 6

DECEMBER—Barometer dropped 5.4% in month, slightly below a year ago; 6.8% below U. S. Philadelphia wholesale volume 3% below 1948, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton down 4%, Trenton down 7%.

JANUARY—Philadelphia department store sales 11% below a year ago; women's apparel store sales down 18%. Philadelphia steel output at 87.1% of capacity. Employment below a year ago. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 7

DECEMBER—Barometer increased somewhat in month, moderately below 1948; 11.7% below U. S. Pittsburgh wholesale volume 3% below a year ago, Erie down 4%, Charleston volume down 8%.

JANUARY—Pittsburgh department store sales 15% below a year ago, Erie down 10%. Pittsburgh steel output at 96.6% of capacity, Youngstown at 86.8% of capacity, and Wheeling at 101.6%. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 8

DECEMBER—Barometer dipped 0.3% in month, moderately below a year ago; 1.7% below U. S. Cleveland wholesale volume 2% below a year ago, Akron down 5%, Toledo volume down 12%.

JANUARY—Cleveland department store sales 7% below a year ago, Akron and Toledo sales down 12%. Cleveland steel output at 99.8% of capacity. Manufacturing employment slightly below 1949. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 9

DECEMBER—Barometer rose 3.0%, somewhat below a year ago; exceeded U. S. by 5.7%. Cincinnati and Springfield wholesale volume 6% below a year ago, Columbus volume 10% below 1948.

JANUARY—Cincinnati department store sales 2% below a year ago, Columbus sales down 11%. Manufacturing production and order volume below a year ago. Employment steady in month. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

## Region 10

DECEMBER—Barometer fell slightly, 5.4% below 1948 level; 10.4% above U. S. Indianapolis wholesale volume 8% below a year ago, Louisville down 10%; Fort Wayne volume 2% above 1948.

JANUARY—Indianapolis department store sales 12% below a year ago, Louisville sales down 8%. Industrial output and employment slightly below a month and a year ago. Order volume steady. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 11

DECEMBER—Barometer decreased slightly in month, moderately below a year ago; 9.0% below U. S. Chicago wholesale volume 3% above a year ago, Springfield up 1%; Peoria down 10%.

JANUARY—Chicago department store sales 6% below a year ago. Chicago output of steel at 97.8% of capacity. Industrial employment steady with a year ago. Collections steady to slightly more prompt than in 1949.

## Region 12

DECEMBER—Barometer dipped 3.9%, moderately below 1948 level; exceeded U. S. barometer by 0.5%. Detroit wholesale volume almost unchanged from a year ago; Grand Rapids down 20%.

JANUARY—Detroit department store sales 9% below a year ago. Detroit steel output at 103.5% of capacity. Automobile production 26% above 1949 level. Employment up in month. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

## Region 13

DECEMBER—Barometer moderately below a month and a year ago; 6.1% above U. S. Milwaukee wholesale volume 5% below a year ago, Green Bay down 7%; Madison volume 5% above 1948 level.

JANUARY—Milwaukee department store sales 11% below a year ago. Manufacturing production and order volume slightly below a year ago, up in month. Inventories and employment down. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 14

DECEMBER—Barometer dipped slightly in month and year; 5.8% above U. S. Minneapolis wholesale volume 2% below a year ago, St. Paul and Fargo down 3%. Billings volume down 14%.

JANUARY—Department store sales in the Minneapolis Federal Reserve District 8% below a year ago. Minneapolis flour production 6% below 1949. Employment below a year ago. Collections slower than a year ago.

# TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

## Region 15

DECEMBER—Barometer declined 3.7% from previous month, slightly below a year ago; 7.5% above U. S. Des Moines wholesale volume 10% below a year ago, Dubuque down 2%; Cedar Rapids up 5%.

JANUARY—Retail trade fractionally below 1949 level. Manufacturing production steady with a month ago and year ago. Nonagricultural employment fell slightly. Inventories steady. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 16

DECEMBER—Barometer fell somewhat in month, slightly below a year ago; same as U. S. barometer. Wholesale volume for St. Louis 2% above 1948. Employment below a year ago.

JANUARY—St. Louis department store sales 2% below a year ago. St. Louis steel at 88.4% of capacity. Over-all industrial output steady to slightly below a year ago. Order volume up. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 17

DECEMBER—Barometer 4.1% below month ago, slightly below a year ago; 5.5% above U. S. Kansas City wholesale volume 5% above a year ago, St. Joseph up 3%; Oklahoma City down 8%.

JANUARY—Kansas City department store sales 1% above a year ago, Topeka up 2%, Oklahoma City up 14%. Kansas City flour output 18% below 1949, Salina down 12%, Wichita down 4%. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

## Region 18

DECEMBER—Barometer dipped fractionally in month and year; 1.0% above U. S. Washington wholesale volume 1% above a year ago; Baltimore and Norfolk down 2%, Richmond down 1%.

JANUARY—Baltimore department store sales 8% below a year ago, Washington sales down 5%. Manufacturing production and employment steady with month ago and year ago. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 19

DECEMBER—Barometer decreased moderately, 1.5% below 1948; 10.8% above U. S. Wholesale volume for Greensboro and Raleigh 1% above a year ago; Charlotte volume down 9%.

JANUARY—Retail dollar volume moderately below a year ago. Manufacturing production and order volume somewhat above a year ago, slightly below month ago. Employment down. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 20

DECEMBER—Barometer somewhat below a month and a year ago; 26.3% above U. S. Atlanta and Birmingham wholesale volume 5% below 1948; Savannah up 5%, Nashville up 4%, Mobile unchanged.

JANUARY—Atlanta department store sales 2% below a year ago, Augusta down 7%, Birmingham down 18%, Nashville down 9%. Steel output at 102.2% of capacity. Employment down. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 21

DECEMBER—Barometer rose noticeably in month, fractionally below a year ago; 32.6% above U. S. Jacksonville wholesale volume 7% below a year ago, Tampa down 5%, Miami down 10%.

JANUARY—Jacksonville department store sales 7% below a year ago, Miami sales down 2%. Industrial production and employment steady in month. Order volume slightly below 1949. Collections slower than a year ago.

## Region 22

DECEMBER—Barometer up moderately, well below year ago; 16.6% above U. S. Memphis wholesale volume 5% below a year ago, Little Rock volume down 10%. Employment below 1948 level.

JANUARY—Memphis department store sales 12% below a year ago, Little Rock sales down 7%. Manufacturing output and order volume steady in month, below a year ago. Inventories steady. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 23

DECEMBER—Barometer fractionally above a month and a year ago; 29.6% above U. S. barometer. New Orleans wholesale volume unchanged from 1948; Jackson volume 5% below a year ago.

JANUARY—New Orleans department store sales 2% below 1949. Louisiana crude oil production 11.5% above a year ago. Over-all industrial output and employment even with 1949. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 24

DECEMBER—Barometer highest of all regions, 0.1% above a year ago; 41.1% above U. S. Dallas wholesale volume 4% below a year ago, Houston down 5%; San Antonio up 2%, Fort Worth up 3%.

JANUARY—Dallas and San Antonio department store sales 1% above a year ago, Fort Worth up 5%; Houston down 10%. Texas crude oil output 16.2% below a year ago. Employment steady. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 25

DECEMBER—Barometer increased considerably in month, slightly below a year ago; 16.5% above U. S. Denver wholesale volume 8% below a year ago, Albuquerque volume unchanged.

JANUARY—Denver department store sales 4% below a year ago. Manufacturing production and order volume below 1949 level. Inventories and employment down in month and year. Collections less prompt than a year ago.

## Region 26

DECEMBER—Barometer rose sharply in month, slightly above a year ago; exceeded U. S. barometer by 17.9%. Wholesale volume for Salt Lake City 9% below a year ago. Employment down.

JANUARY—Department store sales for Salt Lake City 9% below a year ago. Industrial production and order volume steady in month, below 1949. Manufacturing employment down in month. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 27

DECEMBER—Barometer up moderately, 1.2% below a year ago; 20.0% above U. S. Seattle wholesale volume 1% above a year ago, Tacoma up 5%; Portland volume 9% below a year ago.

JANUARY—Portland department store sales 21% below a year ago, Seattle down 16%, Spokane down 14%. Portland flour output 36% below 1949, Seattle-Tacoma down 33%. Employment down. Collections less prompt than in 1949.

## Region 28

DECEMBER—Barometer rose fractionally, slightly below a year ago; 8.2% above U. S. San Francisco wholesale volume 3% below 1948 level, Fresno and Sacramento volume down 4%.

JANUARY—San Francisco department store sales 8% below a year ago, Oakland sales down 11%. Manufacturing output and employment below 1949 level. Order volume even with a year ago. Collections slower than in 1949.

## Region 29

DECEMBER—Barometer increased 5.2% in month, very slightly below a year ago; 7.5% above U. S. Los Angeles wholesale volume 3% below 1948, San Diego down 2%; Phoenix up 4%.

JANUARY—Los Angeles department store sales 11 below a year ago, San Diego sales down 3%. California crude oil production 8.3% below a year ago. Total industrial output above 1949. Collections slower than in 1949.